

## House Resolution 326

By: Representative Anderson of the 123<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring Deacon William Edward Bessent; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Deacon William Edward Bessent is an active and dedicated senior member of  
3 Portersville Missionary Baptist Church; and

4 WHEREAS, at the age of 12, Deacon William Edward Bessent joined the church at the  
5 McCullough Covenant Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in August, 1922, during revival  
6 time at Portersville and was baptized by Reverend O. S. Scott; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1946, he was ordained as a deacon by Reverend Scott, and he has served as  
8 Church treasurer, Sunday School superintendent and teacher of the adult class, and chairman  
9 of the deacon board; and

10 WHEREAS, his connections with Portersville Missionary Baptist Church run through several  
11 generations, including his paternal grandparents, William and Cheney Sills, and his parents,  
12 William and Hattie Sills Bessent; and

13 WHEREAS, the senior members of Portersville Missionary Baptist Church will be the  
14 honored guests at a dinner on Saturday, February 26, 2005, celebrating Black History Month  
15 through the theme "Remembering our Past, Living the Present, and Preparing for Eternity";  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, on this grand occasion, it is highly fitting and proper that this body recognize  
18 the many years of devoted service that this distinguished gentleman has given to Portersville  
19 Missionary Baptist Church.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body join in recognizing and honoring Deacon William Edward Bessent,  
22 an esteemed senior member of Portersville Missionary Baptist Church.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Deacon William Edward  
3 Bessent.